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2020 Gardening Green Expo
Saturday, March 28, 2020
10:00 am–4:00 pm
Kennedy's Country Gardens

Go Native at the 8th Annual Gardening Green Expo!

Think spring and mark your calendar for Gardening Green Expo. The theme for this year is **“Go Native!”**.

Populations of birds, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators are declining worldwide, but there are things you can do to make a difference. You can support pollinators by planting native plants! Pollinators evolved with native plants, which are best adapted to your local climate, soil, and growing season, and usually require less water than imported ornamentals. Many butterfly and moth larvae also feed on a specific native plant species. You don't need a huge garden to help out, any small planting will do. Even the smallest piece of land, window box or container garden can help support pollinators. Gardens planted with the right plants can create a network of habitat connections in an increasingly fragmented environment. Choosing plants that flower at

different times of the year can provide nectar and pollen sources throughout the growing season. You can do your part by using native plants to create pollinator friendly gardens.

At Gardening Green Expo you can stroll through the greenhouses at Kennedy's Country Gardens and visit with vendors of products and services that will help you get the best out of your garden and lawn. There will also be talks by local experts and environmental organizations (stay tuned for topics and times). In conjunction with the expo, NSRWA will be taking orders for rain barrels and composters again this year. The "Ask a Master Gardener" team will be onsite to answer horticultural questions from 10:00am-3:00pm and their "Soil Team" will be onsite to test soil from 10:00am-2:00pm. [Click here for soil testing instructions.](#)

Free Lectures

Time	Company/Organization	Speaker	Topic
10:00 AM	Kennedy's Country Gardens	Susan Leigh Anthony	Natives & Pollinator Plants
11:00 AM	Plymouth County Entomology	Blake Dinius	Native Bees and Native Plants
12:00 Noon	The Grateful Garden/Wild Ones	Todd Breitenstein	Why Plant Native
1:00 PM	The Monarch Gardener	Katie Banks Hone	Re-landscaping with Natives and Rain Gardens
2:00 PM	Association to Preserve Cape Cod	Kristin Andres	Landscape Choices for a Changing Climate
3:00 PM	Friends of Holly Hill Farm	Jon Belber	Beneficial Ecosystems at the Farm and at Home

Downloadable Plant Resources from Kennedy's Country Gardens

- [Native Perennials for Sun](#)
- [Native Perennials for Shade](#)
- [Perennials for Pollinators and Birds](#)
- [Annuals for Bees, Butterflies, Hummingbirds and Songbirds](#)

The expo is Saturday, March 28 from 10:00am-4:00pm at Kennedy's Country Gardens, 85 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy (Rt. 3A), Scituate. This is a FREE event and is family friendly, so plan to bring the kids!

Join us and learn all about what you can do to Go Native!

This FREE expo is sponsored by the WaterSmart program, North and South Rivers Watershed Association and Kennedy's Country Gardens. WaterSmart is a nonprofit partnership between the NSRWA and 12 towns on the South Shore: Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. Our programs are based on the belief that education is key. Since its creation, WaterSmart has educated thousands of local school-age children, adults, and businesses on water conservation, stormwater pollution, where their water comes from, and how to care for it.

